

Supplemental Instructions

Please review the information and instructions provided below.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Huron Wetland Management District (Huron WMD) is seeking cooperators to submit a sealed bid for grazing management. Please familiarize yourself with the USFWS Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) that have been put forth for grazing. Each WPA will have special conditions associated with them. Please review the bid prospectus for each unit before submitting your bid. Each unit will have requirements for fencing (possibly external fence replacement or maintenance and/or internal electric fence), water (only if no natural source is available), and livestock rotation.

Your bid package must include: (1) a signed Special Conditions form; (2) a completed first page of the Commercial Activities Special Use Permit Application, USFWS Form 3-1383-C; (3) and a signed bid worksheet.

All bids remain sealed and will be opened on the same day. Opening of sealed bids will be open to the public. Apparent high bidders will be notified promptly of their selection. Bids received after the closing date will be returned to the bidder unopened. Bids not in conformance with advertised terms of the sale will be rejected. You may submit bids for multiple units. The Huron WMD reserves the right to reject any or all bids that do not meet the requirements identified in the bid prospectus. Furthermore, the Huron WMD also reserves the right to reject bids from any bidders that have previously violated the terms of grazing Special Use Permits (SUP).

Winning bidders must complete a Cooperative Agricultural Agreement (CAA) with the Huron WMD Refuge Manager within two weeks of winning bid notification, and prior to any cattle being released on to the WPA. The CAA will include the Special Use Permit and an annual Plan of Operations.

We have provided the available AUM's for each WPA to be grazed. Please follow the examples below to calculate your bid.

Examples of how to calculate stocking rates:

Stocking rate for cow/calf pairs, using 194 AUM's (Animal Unit Months), 1.2 AUE (Animal Unit Equivalents), and the grazing period ratio of 42 days/30.5 days= 1.38 months

Step 1: $AUM's / AUE \rightarrow 194 AUM's / 1.2 AUE = 162 Animals$

Step 2: $Number\ of\ Animals / Grazing\ Period \rightarrow 162 Animals / 1.38 Months = 117\ cow/calf\ pairs$

Stocking rate for yearlings, using 194 AUM's (Animal Unit Months) and 0.7 AUE (Animal Unit Equivalents)

Step 1: $AUM's / AUE \rightarrow 194 AUM's / 0.7 AUE = 277 Animals$

Step 2: $Number\ of\ Animals / Grazing\ Period \rightarrow 277 Animals / 1.38 Months = 201\ yearlings$

Special Conditions

- The USFWS reserves the right to modify or terminate the CAA if habitat conditions warrant. If changes to the permit are deemed necessary the permittee agrees to abide by the changes or the permit will be voided. The permittee will be notified ahead of time if any such changes are implemented.
- The use of salt and minerals are allowed. Mineral must be placed in hard sided containers and must be moved at the same time the livestock are rotated. All mineral must be removed at the end of the grazing period.
- Supplemental feeding will not be permitted (i.e. creep feeders, hay).
- All liability relating to livestock and livestock management, to include all persons working for the permittee, is strictly that of the permittee as listed on the CAA.
- Confinement of livestock to the unit is the responsibility of permittee as is any damage to surrounding lands caused by the permittee's cattle.
- Permittee must be in compliance with all state and local livestock health regulations.
- With the exceptions of ear tags, no insecticide may be used on livestock while they are on the WPA. Treatment may be done before livestock are brought to the WPA.
- Permittee is responsible for all fence maintenance, repairs, and installation. **The permittee will be responsible to provide all necessary materials.** All materials used for permanent fence will become property of the USFWS after the grazing agreement has expired. Temporary electric cross fences remain the property of the permittee and are to be removed on or before **July 1st** annually.
 1. Huron WMD has surveyed all boundary fence conditions. Fence conditions will be described under the unit description section and on the attached map.
- If fence installation is needed, it will be required that the permittee follow the fence specifications of the USFWS and the Huron WMD. Specification are as follows:
 1. All new fence will have 4 strands of at least 12.5 gauge red brand barbed wire;
 2. H-braces will be installed every ¼ mile and will constructed of (2) 8 inch posts with associated cross post and 9 gauge smooth wire with wire crosses on each side of the H-brace;
 3. Gates will be 18ft wide, consist of 4 strands of wire with stays and include metal gate handles;
 4. The maximum spacing for steel posts will be 16 feet and posts will be 6ft in length;
 5. All wood posts will be green treated and not creosote. Line wood posts should be at least 4ft long and corner posts 6ft long.
- If additional areas, not identified on the map, need fence to be replaced during the life of

the CAA, the costs associated with such fence replacement may be negotiated between the permittee and the Huron WMD at that time.

- When the grazing is completed it is the permittee's responsibility to make sure the fence is in good condition. All 4 wires will be clipped up, all gates will be closed, and all closures across walk in access points will be removed.
- Natural water sources may exist on each WPA. Known water sources will be indicated on maps for each WPA. It is the permittee's responsibility to check the condition of the water sources. If water sources are inadequate, water will need to be provided by the permittee. Costs associated with providing water should be considered by the permittee before submitting a bid.
- Subletting is strictly prohibited.
- The permittee must notify the Refuge Manager of deceased livestock. Deceased livestock must be removed from the WPA within 48 hours of discovery.
- Any damage to Government property must be reported to the local Refuge Manager immediately and replaced by the permittee.

Permittee / Date

Refuge Manager / Date

Please turn in your bids to the FWS Huron Wetland Management District office no later than 3:00pm April 2th 2020. Bids may be received by:

Mail: 200 4th St. SW Room 309
Huron, SD 57350
Fax: (605) 352-6709
or by walk-in

Sealed bids will be opened by the District and permittees selected on April 3th 2020 at 9:00 am.

For any questions or further information please contact the Huron Wetland Management District:

Shilo Comeau **email: shilo_comeau@fws.gov**
Acting Station Manager **phone: (605) 352-5894 x112**

All bid amounts must be submitted in a dollar amount per AUM (\$00.00/AUM).

Please fill out:

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

My Bid:

Name of Waterfowl Production Area: _____

Amount bid per AUM: \$_____ (Minimum bid allowed \$10/AUM)

Total annual bid = AUMs 194 X Amount bid per AUM (*example: 194 AUMs X \$ 10/AUM = \$1,940 annually*)

Total annual bid: **194 AUMs** X \$_____/AUM = \$_____ annually

Signature

Date

Rogers Waterfowl Production Area (WPA)– Beadle County

You are bidding on grazing this unit for a 3 year period (2020 to 2022), and the AUM bid rate is for the life of the Cooperative Agricultural Agreement (CAA). Every year the permittee will be required to develop an annual Plan of Operations with Huron WMD. There will be a minimum of 194 AUMs in 2020 and 2021, but the AUMs in 2022 will be determined during the annual Plan of Operations. The grazing period will be for 42 days each year.

WPA Description

The WPA is 367 acres containing approximately 127 acres of wetland habitat. This WPA has permanent fence around the exterior boundary with a small amount permanent interior fence in the northeast corner of the WPA. Vegetation in the WPA consists of a combination of grasses including cool season tame grass as well as warm season native grass species. The exterior fence of the WPA is currently in poor to good condition and some of the low lying, wet areas on the south boundary are not currently fenced and will need electric fence. Additionally, portions of the north fence are down due to high water conditions. Known water sources exist in all grazing cells (see attached map). A natural wetland provides water for each cell, and there are two dugouts located in Cell 2 and one dugout in Cell 3.

Responsibilities

Fencing-

There are two miles of exterior fence that must be taken out and replaced during the duration of the CAA (2020-2022) with a minimum of one mile of fence replaced in year one and year two so that by 2021 two miles of fence will be replaced. However, the permittee does have the option to construct more than one mile of fence each year. **The fence on the west, north, and south boundary of the WPA will be replaced because those sections are currently in the poorest condition. The fence must meet the specifications of the USFWS (refer to the special conditions section for specifications). The permittee is responsible for supplying all associated fencing materials for installation and repairs as needed.** All exterior fence construction will be completed by **October 1st** each year. Interior electric fence will need to be constructed each year to separate the WPA into grazing cells (see attached map). Materials will be the responsibility of the permittee and all electric fence will need to be removed by **July 1st** annually.

Water Source(s)-

The available sources will likely provide adequate amounts for livestock during the length of the grazing period, but this is not guaranteed and should be checked throughout the grazing period. If circumstances arise where water is inadequate, then water will need to be supplied by permittee.

Salt and Minerals-

Salt and mineral containers need to be moved throughout the grazing period and placed away from water sites.

**(Please refer to the Special Conditions section for all other permittee responsibilities)*

Stocking Requirements: Huron Wetland Management District will use 1.2 AUE's (Animal Unit Equivalents) to define a cow with nursing calf less than 6 months of age. Other livestock will have AUE rates calculated according to chart below.

Animal Unit Equivalents

1 mature cow	1.0 AUE
1 cow/calf pair	1.2 AUE
1 bull	1.5 AUE
1 weaner calf.....	0.6 AUE
1 yearling (9-18 months).....	0.7 AUE

Acres- 367 acres annually

Available AUM's – 194 annually in 2020 to 2021. The stocking rate for 2022 will be determined during the annual Plan of Operations.

Rotation: In 2020, livestock must be rotated between each cell such that grazing will occur approximately 12 days in Cell 1, twenty days in Cell 2, and 10 days in Cell 3. For 2021 and 2022, the rotation will be determined during the annual plan of operations.

Duration: Grazing will be conducted for 6 weeks (42 Days) which can start as early as April 15th, however, all livestock must be removed on or before June 1st, annually regardless of how many days grazing has occurred.

Please incorporate all of these factors into your bid.

Rogers Waterfowl Production Areas- Beadle County
T. 111N, R63W, Sec 14 W1/2





General Activities Special Use Permit Application

OMB Control # 1018-0102 | 1
Expiration Date: 08/31/2020

Refuge:
Address:
Attn: (Refuge Official)
E-Mail:
Phone #:

For Official Use Only:

Permit #:
Station #:
Permit Term: from to

Note: We do not require all information for each use. See instructions at the end of the notice and contact the refuge identified above to determine applicability of a particular item. Attach additional sheets to the application if the text spaces provided are inadequate.

- 1a) Identify the type of Permit you are applying for: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Modification ☐ Other ☒
1b) Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, to any other refuges for this same activity? ☐ Yes ☒ No
1c) If yes, which refuges?

Applicant Information

- 2) Full Name: 3) Organization:
4) Physical Address:
City/State/Zip:
5) Mailing Address:
City/State/Zip:
6) Phone #: 7) Fax #:
8) E-mail:

- 9) List **known** assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees: (Only required if the assistants/subcontractors/subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present.)

Name/Business	Address	Phone #

Activity Information

- 10a) Choose an Activity: Special Access ☐ Construction ☐ Event ☐ Cabins/Subsistence ☐ Group Visit ☐
Educational Activity ☐ Ceremonial Activity ☐ Wood Cutting ☐ Trapping ☐ Mapping/Survey ☐ Other ☒
10b) Specify type of activity if 'Other' was chosen: